

IRELAND.

Record of the Most Important of the Recent Events Culled From Exchanges.

It is stated that a branch of the Gaelic League is about to be started in Bray this week.

The annual meeting of the St. Laurence Home was held Thursday, the Lord Mayor of Dublin presiding.

Lord Ashbrook entertains a large party this week at Durrus Castle, Durrus, Queen's county, for the first shoot of his extensive coverts.

Mr. William Field, M. P., was at the Royal Dublin Society presented with a handsome cheque in recognition of his services in connection with the Irish cattle trade.

The Cork trades, who will be represented at the municipal elections by a large batch of candidates, are holding meetings throughout the city and conducting a canvass amongst electors.

Mr. Vesey Knox, M. P., has written to the Nationalist Association of the city of Derry stating that family reasons will compel him to resign as soon as next session opens. This means a contest, probably in February next.

A very attractive concert in aid of the very poor children was given in the Town Hall, Rathmines, Friday evening. Mr. O'Brien Butler kindly consented to sing his new song, "Donnail Dhuv," and a number of well-known artists contributed to the programme.

In the Dublin Mansion House Thursday an important conference of Independent Nationalists was held, the Lord Mayor presiding. A subscription in aid of the Independent Home Rule Fund was opened and it was stated that the total amount handed in or promised was £850.

The question of a Catholic University is being prominently discussed at public boards in the South, and resolutions urging the Government to concede the legitimate demand of the Irish people have been adopted in many cases. A gratifying feature of the discussion is that Protestants are supporting these resolutions and admitting the justice of the Catholic claim.

The annual smoking concert by the members of the Shannon Rowing Club took place at the boat-house on Wednesday night, and proved a very happy and genial function. That it kept up the old tradition of this popular and time-honored club goes without saying, and it must be admitted the members are deserving of all the credit that can be bestowed on them.

While Mr. Edward Cummins, of South King street, Dublin, was driving to his residence on a hackney car the horse fell opposite the Bank of Ireland, knocking him heavily to the ground. He was conveyed to Mercer's Hospital, where he was attended to by the resident surgeon, who found that his arm was injured. The injuries, however, were not of such a nature as to detain him in hospital.

On Thursday four families living in the main street of Loughrea were evicted from their homes by the Marquis of Clanricarde for non-payment of rent. The property on which the houses are situated was, until some short time ago, disputed. The moment it came into the hands of Lord Clanricarde he put the evictions in motion. There was no demonstration of any kind at the eviction.

An exhibition and sale of work, under the auspices of the Irish Industries Association, was opened at the Athenaeum by the Countess of Mayo. The Countess, who takes a deep interest in matters pertaining to local industry and manufacture, is Vice President of the association, and made a very practical address prior to declaring the exhibition open. The exhibits were numerous and generally of excellent design and workmanship.

Artisans' dwellings are a boon to every town, and therefore we hail with pleasure the introduction of a scheme to build them in Bray. There is no town in which proper houses for the laboring man are so scarce. It is hoped that Mr. Rossiter will not lose sight of his motion, even though through a technicality the scheme cannot be put into operation till the end of next year. The preliminary work of looking for sites, etc., can be looked after in the meantime.

Stoker Lynch, who was granted the Albert medal for conspicuous bravery on board the torpedo boat destroyer Thrasher on the occasion of the bursting of a steam pipe, when he was terribly injured in rescuing a comrade, was removed from the Naval Hospital, Plymouth Saturday, and placed on a cork stretcher for conveyance to his home at Monetra, near Waterford. Lynch was in charge of two nurses, and his condition is still considered hopeless.

The nightwatch question and its contemplated abolition in Limerick on New Year's Eve is becoming interesting. The phase of pensioning or allowing gratuities to some of the older members is a very humane one, if it is feasible, which is doubtful. However, the intention is a praiseworthy one, and it is to be hoped, for the old men's sake, that the local Government Board will look with favor on the request of the corporation to grant them permission to make the allowances in question.

Some little busybodies at Kingstown have for their own purpose discovered that Mr. P. P. Hynes is not a Nationalist. It is difficult to discover the line of argument, says a correspondent. True it is that Mr. Hynes has a business establishment in the township, and equally true that he never failed to use his influence for the laboring class, and it is simply amusing at the present juncture to discover that some years ago he went ahead in opposition to the gentleman who is the Nationalist record is untainted.

Regular has been drawn up, and a list is to be sent to every evicted tenant in Ireland, by Mr. Francis T. Ryan, the All-Ireland Evicted

Tenants' League. The circular incloses resolutions adopted November 12, and confirmed at Birr, November 23. The object of the association is stated in the circular to be the reinstatement of evicted tenants at an early date by purchase, if possible, under the land acts, and to sustain them and protect their interests until this is effected. It is proposed to renew the fight against land-grabbing, and to form committees on every estate where tenants have been evicted.

At the meeting of the Limerick corporation, the Mayor presiding, Mr. John Clune, proposed the following resolution: "That the denial to Irish Catholics of an university in which they might give their sons the advantage of higher education under conditions as fair to their faith as at present enjoyed by Irish Protestants in Trinity College, is as effectual a means as the greatest enemy of this country could devise for her impoverishment and the destruction of her hopes of material prosperity, and at the same time a gross offense to 3,500,000 of the population, inasmuch as it tells them that because they are Catholics they have no right to equality with their fellow-citizens." It was passed unanimously.

The condition and neglect of the roads of West Meath formed the subject of discussion at the Baronal Sessions at Mullingar, Lord Greville presiding. Mr. T. M. Reddy said he noticed that there was an enormous increase in the county cess and no corresponding benefit to the roads, which were in a disgraceful condition. Mr. A. E. Joyce, County Surveyor, said he could not contradict such a statement, and he had to withhold certificates of payment for the roads of half the barony. Several contractors had been prosecuted and fines had been paid by them, but this course seemed to have little effect and more would have to be prosecuted. Also in the case of roads neglected by parties he found it difficult to get others to take them up.

Already there is evidence that the coming elections for the Limerick Town Council will lead to a series of contests unparalleled in the annals of municipal life, or at least since the reformed corporation act was first passed. For the eight wards of the city the working classes are to put forward candidates—four to each ward—leaving one vacancy to be competed for by any other aspirant for municipal honors. Mr. John Daly will again seek the suffrages of the Irishtown ward on the abor ticket. On Thursday a meeting of the traders and others was held in the Chamber of Commerce, when it was resolved to put forward twenty candidates in opposition to the others. Ward meetings were held on Wednesday and Thursday nights by the supporters of the workers' candidate, at which Mr. John Daly was the chief speaker, and resolutions passed pledging support to the candidates already selected.

A burning accident which occurred at Wexford on Wednesday had a fatal termination. During the week a curiosity shop was opened in South Main street, and a great number of young people went to see it. On Wednesday evening a glass case, in which a "natural curiosity" was preserved by means of oil, overturned and the oil taking fire the whole show was set in a blaze. Fortunately the last group of admiring youngsters had just departed, but a young Wexford lad named Leo, who was acting as an assistant at the exhibition, caught a large quantity of the burning oil on his clothes, and ran out in the street screaming and enveloped in flames. The boy was horribly burned, and expired this morning in the County Wexford Infirmary. The curiosities which were being exhibited were all burned to ashes, and it was only with the greatest difficulty the house itself was saved from the flames.

THEATRICALS.

The appearance of Weber's Dainty Duchess Company at the Buckingham, commencing tomorrow, should be a big attraction for New Year's week. The Dainty Duchess Company has been pronounced the worthiest accomplishment of Mr. L. Lawrence Weber, to whom the entire burlesque and vaudeville stage has been so largely indebted for its success. The consensus of opinion is unanimous in the declaration that the costumes and scenic embellishments of Weber's Dainty Duchess are fully up to that mark of superiority for which Mr. Weber is known. The supporting company of high-class artists is of admirable strength. A happy feature of the Dainty Duchess Company is its feminine chorus and the typical beauty of the members. The make-up of this organization comprises the best that money and experience could procure, as is evident from the following names of artists who lend their talent to the success of the performance: The celebrated mimic four, the well-known Burke brothers, Kessler and Carrick, Alleene and Larue, Hayes and Bandy, Earl and Wilson and Raymond and Clark. The burlesque, "A Dainty Duchess," has been pronounced the artistic laughing hit of the season.

One of the most magnificently staged melodramas ever seen in this country will be the attraction at the Avenue New Year's day and week beginning Sunday night. It is the superb production of "A Guilty Mother," which was such a great success in all the large cities last season, its first in this country. Among the many beautiful stage pictures is a view of the River Thames by moonlight, with the lights of London in the distance, London bridge, a street in London and Oakley towers, which were struck by lightning, the huge pile falling on the stage, leaving the huge shattered mirror standing. This mirror scene is the one which has been written and talked about so much. In this mirror is reflected the murder of which the hero is accused for a time. The thrilling and interesting story is ably told by an excellent company of players.

Frank Ernie and Dai Hawkins have finally agreed on terms for their coming battle. They are to box twenty-five rounds in San Francisco the last week in February at 128 pounds.

HIBERNIANS.

What They Have Been Doing the Past Week—General News Notes.

The regular meeting of the Hall Board takes place this evening.

There are two companies of Hibernian Knights at Central Falls, R. I.

New divisions have been chartered in Danbury, Iowa, and Anoka, Minn.

Harry Brady saw to it that all enjoyed themselves at the smoker and reception.

There will be an important meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary Sunday afternoon.

President Hennessy is proud of his division, and the members appreciate his ability and services.

Schenectady, N. Y., has a new division and among the officers chosen are some of the leading men of that city.

George Flahiff had to retire early Wednesday evening, much to the regret of the friends of the popular Secretary.

Mrs. P. H. McNelis, of Indianapolis, State organizer of the Ladies' Auxiliary of Indiana, recently organized a division in Anderson.

More than 1,000 persons were present at the smoke talk given under the auspices of Division 50, of Boston, in Union Park building.

On January 16 the State and county officers and all Hibernians of Bridgeport will be invited to participate in a jollification to be given by Division 2, of that city.

The Hibernian Rifles, of Bridgeport, Conn., at their last meeting appointed a recruiting committee. Many prominent young men of that city are expected to join.

Military Division 37 held its third annual ball in Monument Hall, Charlestown. It was a social success. The march was led by Major and Mrs. John T. Galvin.

The Hibernian Knights will drill on the first and third Friday nights of January. Their regular monthly business meeting occurs on the evening of the second Friday.

Joe Taylor threw a handsome bouquet to President Hennessy Wednesday evening. The latter returned the compliment to the President of No. 3 in the shape of a whole flower garden.

The members of Division 4 were pleased to see the smiling countenance of John J. McGrath at this week's meeting and smoker. He was accompanied by Will Riley. McGrath & Dulaney were well represented.

Judge M. J. Wade, of Iowa City, delivered a lecture in Hibernian Hall, Davenport, under the auspices of the Ancient Order of Hibernians. The lecture was preceded by an excellent musical programme.

Although one of the younger divisions of the country, Division 39 has a host of friends, and they all gathered in Monroe Hall, Roxbury, for the annual dance. About 200 couples participated in the grand march.

Thursday evening the Hibernians of Boston commemorated the one hundred anniversary of the execution of the Manchester martyrs. The exercises were held in St. Rose Hall, and consisted of an Irish musical programme and an address on the men of '98.

Irish melody, the choicest of Ireland's sweet singers and Irish home life were extolled at an entertainment given by the Ladies' Auxiliary in Scranton. The address of the evening was given by Rev. E. S. Phillips, of Hazelton, who paid an eloquent tribute to the people of Ireland. He told of a recent visit to Ireland for the purpose of studying the country, its people and its customs.

Capt. James Lawlor, proprietor of the Lawlor House, at Houston, Texas, and a prominent Hibernian, made a visit to his daughter, Miss Genevieve Lawlor, San Antonio, recently, and while in that city he was waited upon by a delegation of Hibernians. Capt. McCormick on behalf of the Irish societies of the city presented Capt. Lawlor with a blackthorn cane, cut in Connemara, Ireland, as a mark of their esteem and in appreciation of what he had done for the Irish cause.

At the last regular meeting of Division No. 21, of Chicago, the following resolutions denouncing the proposed Anglo-American alliance were adopted: "Resolved, That we, the officers and members of Division 21, Ancient Order of Hibernians, enter our solemn protest against any such arrangement, and particularly condemn any alliance, offensive or defensive, commercial or social, with this hereditary enemy of the people and Government of the United States, and be it further resolved, that we herewith approve and most heartily indorse the action of our representatives in the central body of the Ancient Order of Hibernians for their determined stand in opposition to this alliance.

C. K. AND L. OF A.

Branch No. 4 of the Catholic Knights and Ladies of America this week elected officers for the ensuing year as follows: Spiritual Director—Rev. B. P. Logan. President—John H. Hennessy. Vice President—Miss Mollie T. Burke. Recording Secretary—Jas. J. Kenealey. Financial Secretary—John K. Baker. Treasurer—John D. Rudd. Sergeant-at-Arms—Miss Susie E. Goodwin.

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Messrs. Hennessy and Kenealey are two officers whose efforts in behalf of the Knights and Ladies are highly appreciated by the members. Their administration will no doubt maintain the high standing of this popular branch. The newly elected officers will be installed at the first meeting in January.

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